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Public Services.

Rules framed for the appointment and control of officers in the Public Services.

401 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) whether any rules were framed for the appointment and control of officers of the Public Services in the pre-Reform days;

(2) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy on the Table;

(3) if not, what was the procedure adopted in making appointments and who made them;

(4) whether any rules have been framed after the Reform Act was passed in 1919;

(5) whether the Government will be pleased to lay them on the table;

(6) whether any changes have been made in the rules or procedure within the last six months; and

(7) if there has been any change in the rules or the procedure followed, what is the reason for such change?

A.—The existing position of affairs has been explained at length in the answer to question No. 197. The position as it affected Members of Council prior to the Reforms was substantially the same as it is now. The Government do not propose to lay any papers upon the table.

Public Services Commission.

Evidence of the European Officers of the Indian Education Service before the Lee Commission.

402 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Member for Finance and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether his attention has been drawn to the Memorandum of Evidence submitted by the Association of European Officers of the Indian Education Service to the Lee Commission, and the enclosures thereto?

A.—Yes.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—" May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether he has noted the fact given in evidence in the course of the proceedings of the Lee Commission that the European officers do not get sufficient or adequate protection from the Minister and, if so, if that is a fact?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—" I do not know any such allegation was made, and, if the allegation was made, I say, the allegation is incorrect."

Stationery and Printing.

High cost of printing in certain Government Presses.

403 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) why the average cost of printing per page is so high as Rs. 6–7–3 at the Penitentiary Branch Press and Rs. 2–10–9 in the Ootacamund Branch Press while it is less than Rs. 1–14–0 in the Central and Mount Road Branch Presses;